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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KILLIAN

SUBJECT: Comments on Space Policy, Paragraph 50

1. The subject paragraph is considered unnecessary in the light of paragraph 47 which states that the U. S. shall conduct such space activities as required to achieve its scientific, military and political objectives. This would certainly include placing the "necessary" emphasis on those outer space activities necessary to maintain the over-all deterrent capability of the U. S.
2. The addition of paragraph 50, it is believed, will be interpreted as giving priorities to weapons systems in general as opposed to scientific space activities. At this stage of space activities, it is believed that scientific space activities are possibly more important to our military security than some of the weapons systems being speculated upon.
3. It is believed, therefore, that it is better to refrain from giving a general type of priority to any category but to consider projects on their individual merits. For instance, while the 117 L possibly should have more priority than a solar radiation experiment, a bombardment satellite should not.
4. It is probably unfortunate that the format of the report includes "military" and "scientific" sections, whereas the military application will flow from the scientific activities.
5. A possible compromise would be to state that military applications should take precedence over non-military applications, recognizing that space science is essential to either and should be given priority accordingly.

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